

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS:

Technology plays a vital role in our day-to-day lives and the future of our nation. Citizens, schools, libraries, businesses, and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education, and conducting business. Critical sectors are increasingly reliant on information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems; and

WHEREAS:

Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber attack, loss of privacy from spyware and adware and significant financial and personal harm due to identity theft and fraud; and

WHEREAS:

The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center was established in January 2003 to provide a collaborative mechanism to help states and local governments enhance cyber security. The Georgia Technology Authority's cyber security program, Office of Information Security, provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of Georgia; and

WHEREAS:

The Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign is a national effort coordinated by a coalition of private companies, nonprofits and government organizations to help all digital citizens stay safer and more secure online. Maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of the state of Georgia's information infrastructure and economy; and

WHEREAS:

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Cyber Security Alliance, and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month. All citizens are encouraged to visit these sites to learn about cyber security and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses; now

THEREFORE:

I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim October 2012 as CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 14th day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.



Nathan Deal
GOVERNOR

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CHIEF OF STAFF